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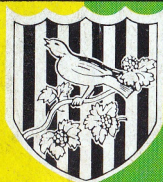


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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 1978—KICK-OFF: 3-00pm

ALBION v BOLTON WAND.



In today's programme . . .

- ★ A.G.M. photographs and snippets
- ★ Action pictures from the Q.P.R. match
- ★ Albion's Canada/USA Tour 1959
- ★ The Man behind the Manager—Colin Addison

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ROOM



Just before our opening match against Ipswich Town, I told Ally Brown I wanted 20 goals from him this season.

What a reaction he had to this order.

I had just taken my seat in the Directors Box when he had scored the first goal of the new season. I was told later it had been timed at 22 seconds from our own video tape of the match and quite honestly I thought it had taken a minute-and-a-half.

There seemed so much happening and when you consider that Ipswich kicked-off, the feat is even more remarkable.

It was the type of start that every team wants and it helped us get both points, just the start we all wanted.

It is, of course, very important to get away to a flyer. A dropped point at home or a defeat means an unnecessary build-up of pressure on the team and they would have been trying to make up ground with only one match completed.

There was a spell in the first-half, of about 20 minutes when Ipswich tried to dominate us but towards the end of the first-half, we were back in the driving seat.

I cannot remember one incident when I thought the game would slip away from us and the points were brought home when we scored the second goal.

There was some mystery as to who had the final touch but we are crediting the goal to Tony Brown. The general opinion in the dressing room after the match was that George Burley was already standing over the line when he made contact with the ball.

Today, we welcome Bolton Wanderers to The Hawthorns, back in the First Division after a long time in exile.

Deep down, everyone in the game was pleased when Ian Greaves led his team to promotion after being pipped the two previous years.

Full marks to a man who is a great character and one of the really nice people in the game.

Ran Atkins

BOLTON



Third time lucky is a much used phrase—no doubt more so around Bolton.

The Seventies had been anything but lucky for the Wanderers as in 1971 they dropped into the Third Division for the first time in their history making the climb back to Division Two some two seasons later.

Before achieving their Division One place last season Bolton had twice finished in the Second Division third spot just a whisker away from promotion. Last season, at the third attempt they made it and as Champions too.

Manager Ian Greaves has experienced similar triumphs with Huddersfield Town consequently he will be looking to establish the team in the top flight for years to come.

Helping Ian, where it counts on the field, are such experienced players as Frank Worthington signed from Leicester City, Alan Gowling signed from Newcastle United and Willie Morgan, a former Manchester United player who, like our own Len Cantello, has had a season in American soccer. Tony Dunne and Roy Greaves are two other experienced players who will no doubt figure in Mr Greaves team plans.

In looking for a team blend the introduction of younger players has had the desired effect and no doubt we may be seeing some of them in action today.

Defender Paul Jones already on the fringe of gaining full international honours, Mike Walsh, Peter Reid and Chris Thompson all of whom are helping to ensure a good future for Bolton.

Nicknamed 'The Trotters', their origination as Christ Church FC goes back 105 years to 1874. Their present name came about in 1877.

SNIPPETS...

★ *Nat Lofthouse, probably Bolton's most famous player, twice managed the club.*

★ *Burnden Park is their third ground, the others being, Park Recreation Ground, Cockle's Field and Pikes Lane.*

★ *Bolton were original members of the Football League and after being relegated to the Second Division several times in their early days, they enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911 to 1933.*

★ *Wanderers won the FA Cup in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958, but they have still to win the First Division Championship.*

BOLTON PEN PICTURES...

Jim McDonagh (goalkeeper). Joined Wanderers two season ago on a month's loan from Rotherham United and was signed for a £10,000 as cover for Barry Siddall. He soon got promotion with the transfer of Siddall to Sunderland and has held the first-team spot

since. **Terry Poole (goalkeeper).** Signed from Huddersfield Town two years ago for £25,000. Has still to make his first-team debut. **John Ritson (defender).** Born in Liverpool and joined Bolton from schoolboy soccer. He graduated through the junior sides, a strong defender with an attacking flair. **Tony Dunne (defender).** Ire international who played for most of his career with Manchester United. A member of United's European Cup-winning side and since moving to Bolton has proved to be a firm favourite with the fans. **Peter Nicholson (defender).** Signed for Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. He can also play in midfield. **Roy Greaves (midfield).** Long-serving player who has been rewarded with a testimonial. Born in Farnworth, near Bolton, he is a non-stop worker who likes to be involved all the time. **Paul Jones (defender).** A tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player and seems destined for further honours. **Sam Allardyce (defender).** A central defender who was born in the Midlands. Joined Bolton from school and since coming into the side in 1975 has held down a regular place. Is very dangerous when moving forward for free-kicks and corners. **Mike Walsh (defender).** Manchester-born and joined Wanderers from school. He gained a regular place in the side after being groomed for a couple of seasons and is equally proficient in any position along the back-four. **Willie Morgan (forward).** Started his career at Burnley then moved to Manchester United for a big fee. Returned to Burnley and was signed by Bolton three seasons ago. A Scottish international. **Neil Whatmore (forward).** A strong attacker with a flair for goals. Two seasons ago he was top Second Division scorer with 31 goals from League and Cup games. **Peter Reid (midfield).** A youngster who joined Bolton from school. A regular member of the England Under-21 side and skipped them last season. **Ray Train (midfield).** Signed for Bolton only minutes before the transfer deadline two seasons ago from Sunderland. Has a terrier-like tackle and is always in the action. **Frank Worthington (forward).** Had a loan spell with Wanderers then signed for £90,000 from Leicester City in 1977. Started at Huddersfield. An England international. **Alan Gowling (forward).** Took over from Worthington as Bolton's record signing when costing £120,000 from Newcastle United just before last season's deadline. Started his career with Manchester United. **Garry Jones (forward).** Born in Manchester. A strong running player who puts defenders under pressure in the penalty area. Played in America during the summer. **Brian Smith (midfield).** Born Walkden, near Manchester. A small but active player who has impressed when used in midfield.



BOLTON MANAGER IAN GREAVES

Team picture . . . Front row, Ray Train, Neil Whatmore, Roy Greaves. Peter Reid, John Ritson, Tony Dunne. Centre row, Ian Greaves—manager, Terry Poole, Sam Allardyce, Jim McDonagh, Frank Worthington, George Mulhall—assistant manager, Jim Hedridge—physiotherapist. Back row, Peter Nicholson, Alan Gowling, Mike Walsh, Paul Jones.

BAT With the two RONNIES in 1978

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STAR SPOT

Of all our players, Tony Godden's rise to fame must be meteoric, having been with the Club for such a short time with his former experiences confined to Southern League football with Ashford Town.

Last season he kept a clean sheet on no less than 18 occasions.

Having spent the summer looking at houses, the Godden family are soon to move onto the Charlemont Estate.

Tony is the first to acknowledge the help he has received from 'Ossie' and hopes that, like John, he can achieve success with the Albion.



*Tony with
wife Sally Ann
and daughter
Charlotte*

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Anticipation Saturday

The first day of the football season is always a super day for me.

Usually the weather behaves itself—the sun shines—fans turn up in shirt sleeves, the pitch looks lovely and green, the stands have a lick of paint and the new season ticket holders brandishing their new books and making acquaintance with their new neighbours.

All players, managers and supporters know they are starting level. The Nottingham Forest's and the Liverpool's are of last season. Today is *this* season, and we know there's a chance for all 22 teams.

As the season progresses, our temperatures rise—some with the excitement of success—some, regretfully, with disappointment and frustration. Still there'll be another first day of the season next year!

Wednesday

PAUL BOWEN

Adelaide Calling

I am a 25-year-old Police Constable in Adelaide, South Australia and an avid Albion fan—and have been for about 11 years. The purpose of this letter is to obtain the current price, plus postage, of two books written about the Albion.

The first book is the *West Bromwich Albion Football Club Book* which I first saw advertised in a football monthly magazine about seven years ago. I hope it is still in print or perhaps you could obtain a secondhand copy for me.

The other book is a 'Pen Pictures' book on all the players that have ever played for Albion. I don't know the name of this book but it was written and compiled by the Club Statistician. This book was mentioned in *Shoot Magazine* about five months ago.

As soon as you furnish me with the information, I will expedite the money so as to obtain my copies.

It was pleasing to see the team finish so high in the table the past two seasons. I hope they can finish even higher this season coming. I also hope you can tour Australia in the near future, particularly Adelaide, South Australia. I have seen Stoke City, Chelsea, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Middlesbrough, Arsenal, Celtic and Rangers out here in Australia. What about my favourite team ALBION?

STEPHEN DITTMAR

55 Magdalène Terrace, Pasadena, South Australia 5042, Australia

EDITOR ... Can anyone help Stephen in respect to a copy of the West Bromwich Albion Football Club Book?

New Laws

As years go by, alterations to the Laws of the game are inevitably introduced, such as the latest ones regarding an apparently offside attacker being 'played on' by the ball striking an opposing defender before reaching him. I understand this has been rescinded so that the attacker is, from now on, penalised. Also a foul upon a goalkeeper or defender which has occurred close to the touchline can now be taken from any spot inside the goal area.

Hope I've understood these amendments to the Laws correctly; but the one alteration I would like to see tried is an enlarged area where an attacker could not be penalised for offside, say a line right across the pitch on the penalty area line, or even at the edge of the centre circle.

I wonder whether strikers could take advantage of this extra space to break the often occurring no-goal results, and give us more of what we like to see ... goals!

What do your readers think about this idea?

Smethwick

KEN FOSTER

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Supporters' Branch News

Much has happened during the past few months and we now have a closer integration of our various branches. Meetings of branch representatives have been held to explore the many ways that may be open to members to get together.

One idea being considered is the formation of a winter in-door games league with inter-branch competition at Darts, Dominoes, Crib, and if possible, Pool. A couple of friendlies have, in fact, already been played.

Bob Maull is acting as link-man, bringing the ideas forward to Gordon's attention for action whenever possible.

Letters have been received from three people seeking to join a branch in the Solihull area. If there is anyone who is willing to assist in setting up a branch there, do please write to the Editor.

Bryan Williams our 'down-under' branch secretary, has forwarded a copy of the magazine, issue two. Again it is full of interesting topics and has been circulated to the 'Baggies' in exile—all 28 of them.

Alan Lebkowski of Victoria is involved with soccer 'down-under', playing for Dandenong City in the States First Division, and another member Gwen Pender-Brookes has connections with us through her father-in-law, Len William Henry Brookes, who turned out for the 'Baggies' in the 1890's.

Nearer home we are pleased to report that Howard Spencer, chairman of our Redditch branch, is up and about again following his stay in hospital. The branch has well over 200 members.

Rab Rogers reports an increase in membership for the London supporters and similarly Pete Siddaway is steadily recruiting in the Bournemouth area having already brought 25 members up to our opening match last Saturday.

Julia and Steve Bytheway, have formed an Albion 'group', usually having enough people to warrant hiring a mini bus for their trips to The Hawthorns, but can do with more.

Tom Poxon has decided not to go it alone in North Wales and has joined in with our Northern branch . . . despite not having obtained his visa!

The Northern branch is thinking of producing its own *News Letter* as a means of keeping in contact with members.

After our match against Leeds United at Elland Road there is to be a get-together of members and friends at Farsley Celtic FC's clubhouse. Anyone wishing to meet fellow supporters will be welcome. Gordon, our Commercial Manager, will be there.

Glyn Round our Telford secretary is spreading the gospel far and wide. Within his work Glyn is travelling to the Middle East quite often usually with copies of *Albion News* and the like for his Arabian contacts. We suggest Glyn gets some postcards in return.

Phil Cox tells us that Evesham support is in excess of 100 and Chris Green over at nearby Worcester has a similar membership.

All-in-all much is happening and hopefully will continue to do so.



Rab Rogers introducing 'Ossie' and Gordon Dimpleby to the London members.

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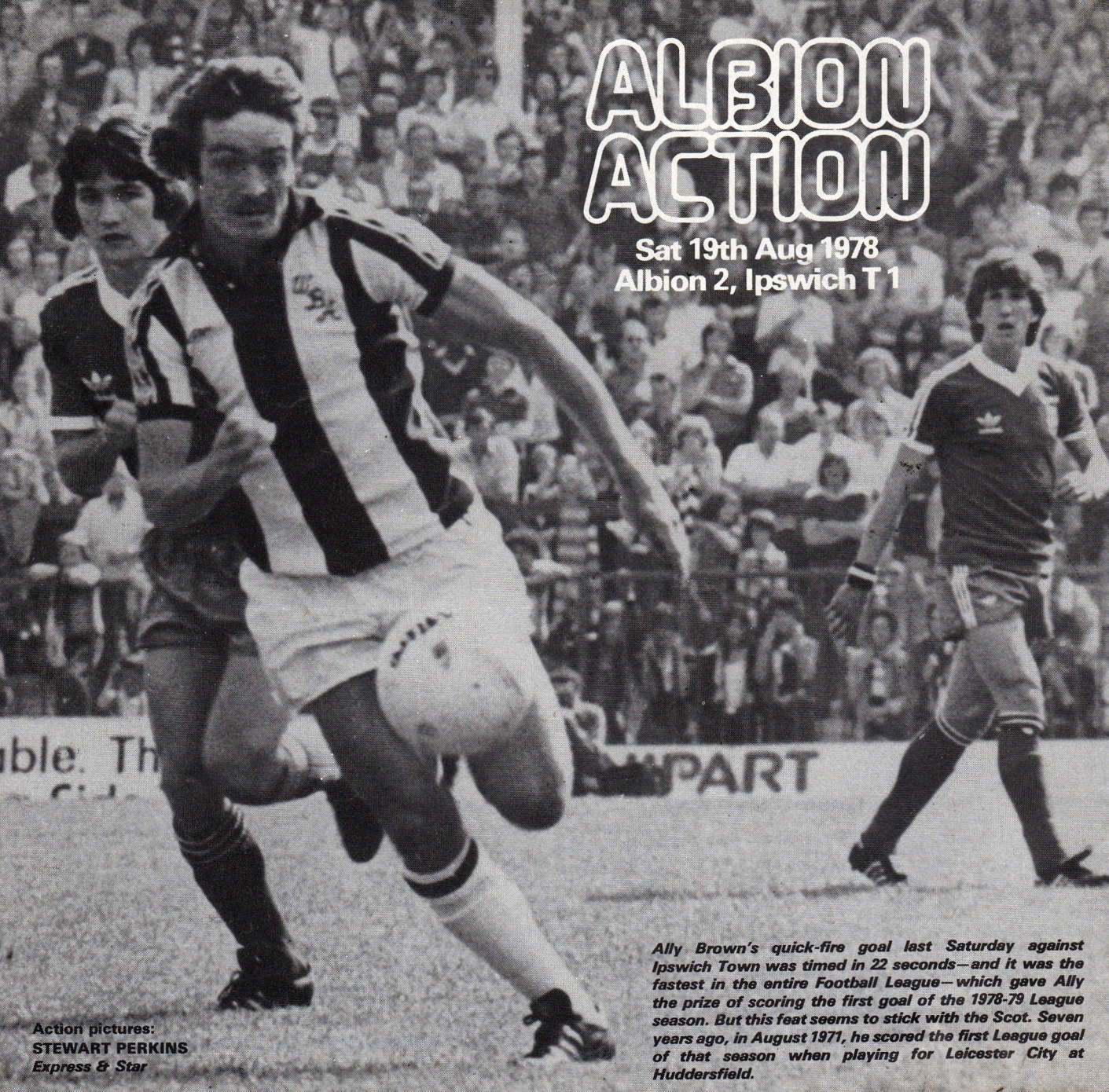
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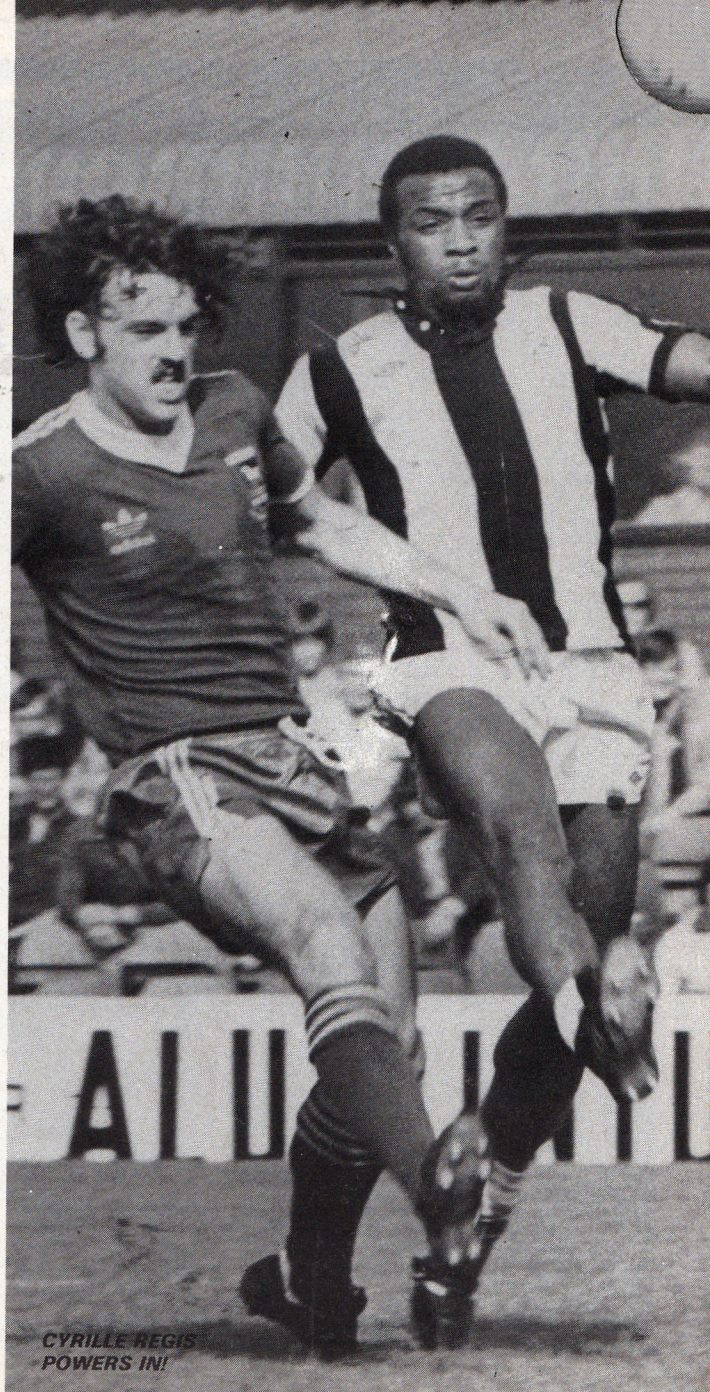
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Action pictures:
STEWART PERKINS
Express & Star

Ally Brown's quick-fire goal last Saturday against Ipswich Town was timed in 22 seconds—and it was the fastest in the entire Football League—which gave Ally the prize of scoring the first goal of the 1978-79 League season. But this feat seems to stick with the Scot. Seven years ago, in August 1971, he scored the first League goal of that season when playing for Leicester City at Huddersfield.



**TONY BROWN
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PROFIT . . .

Smiling faces abounded at the Club Shareholders Meeting held last Monday at Spring Road Training Ground, with the news that the heavy losses suffered during our Second Division sojourn has to some extent been negated with last season's handsome profit.

SUCCESS . . .

Success has come on the field these past two years and is now showing in other ways too.

TRIBUTE . . .

Mr Bert Millichip paid tribute to his Director colleagues, the Staff and Players, for the excellent work that has been done.

THANKS . . .

In proposing a vote of Thanks to the Club, Mr Ken Hughes expressed the fact that the Shareholders were right behind the Club and hoped that we would all go from strength to strength. Warm applause seconded the vote.

1978 A.G.M LINE-UP



The men "up front" before the kick-off to this year's successful Shareholders' Meeting.



“... nice to see a healthy bank balance but hope to see money well-spent on a player”

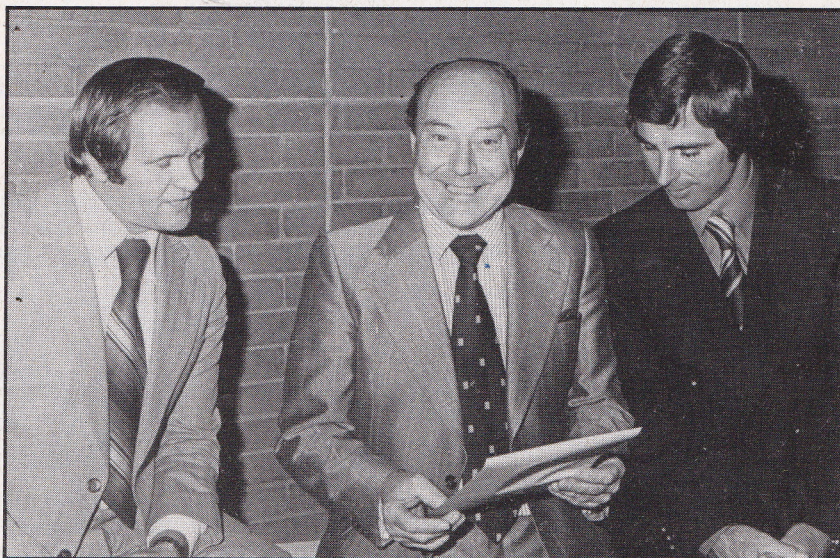
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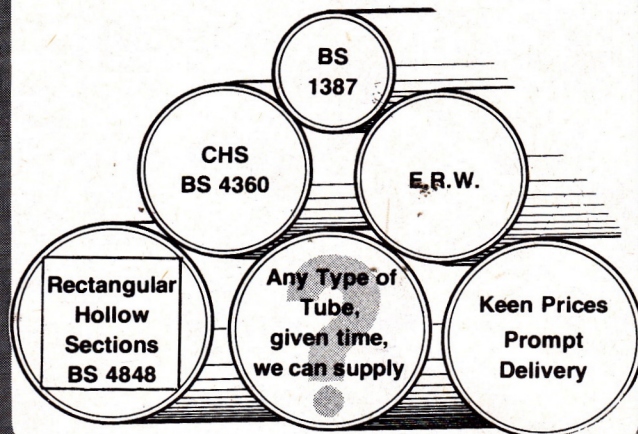
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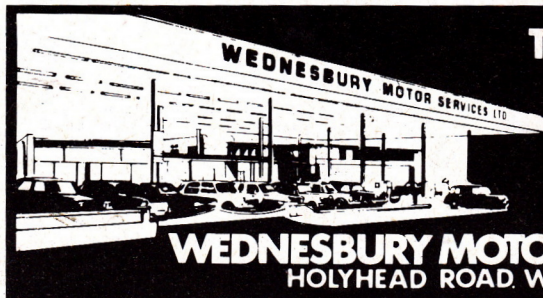
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ALAN EVERISS

Secretary Alan Everiss, although not fully fit following his recent operation has resumed his Secretarial duties. Alan thought it wise not to make the mini-trip to Syria, and this is the first time he has been unable to travel with an Albion tour party.

Tom Silk chose to make his own way to Scotland for the Tennant Caledonian competition, piloting his plane from Halfpenny Green airport to Glasgow. Alan Everiss accompanied Mr Silk on his flight.

The Boss has got himself and his family established at Four Oaks and is looking for some sunshine to warm up his swimming pool . . . or a plumber who can repair the pump!

We have a new team of Ball Boys for this season and are delighted to welcome the lads to the club . . . Jonathan

Carter, Simon Cotter, Craig Sutton, Matthew Robinson, Simon Gregory and Stuart Kendall, take a bow! Our Commercial Manager is currently recruiting a 'junior' squad for non-First XI fixtures at The Hawthorns.

Trevor Russell and Ruth Riman have joined the staff with the brief to assist in the Lottery operations.

Brian Harris has joined Stan Darby's team, with Malc Green being elevated to become Stan's assistant, handling the work of keeping the playing area shipshape.

Hewitts, the Car People, have turned up trumps yet again in sponsoring our Commercial Manager with a new car, but this time with a difference. Having taken up the *Colt* franchise at the Stourbridge branch, *Hewitts* have presented a *Colt Sigma* model instead of a *B.L.* vehicle.

Tommy Docherty is to speak at The Albion Sporting Club's next function, scheduled for Monday 18th September. In attendance too, will be the many members of the official Press party who accompanied the team on the close season ambassadors tour to China.



Gordon Dimbleby with his new 'Colt Sigma' presented to him by Hewitts the Car People

STATSCHECK 78/79

F.L. DIVISION ONE FIXTURES

Date	OPPONENTS	Venue
1978		
August 19	Ipswich Town	Home
22	Queens Park Rangers	Away
26	Bolton Wanderers	Home
September 2	Nottingham Forest	Away
9	Norwich City	Home
16	Derby County	Away
23	Liverpool	Home
30	Chelsea	Away
October 7	Tottenham Hotspur	Home
14	Leeds United	Away
21	Coventry City	Home
28	Manchester City	Away
November 4	Birmingham City	Home
11	Ipswich Town	Away
18	Bolton Wanderers	Away
22	Nottingham Forest	Home
25	Aston Villa	Home
December 2	Everton	Away
9	Middlesbrough	Home
16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away
22	Southampton	Home
26	Arsenal	Away
30	Manchester United	Away
1979		
January 1	Bristol City	Home
13	Norwich City	Away
20	Derby County	Home
February 3	Liverpool	Away
10	Chelsea	Home
17	Tottenham Hotspur	Away
24	Leeds United	Home
March 3	Coventry City	Away
10	Manchester City	Home
17	Birmingham City	Away
24	Queens Park Rangers	Home
31	Aston Villa	Away
April 7	Everton	Home
13	Southampton	Away
14	Arsenal	Home
17	Bristol City	Away
21	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home
28	Middlesbrough	Away
May 5	Manchester United	Home
12	F.A. CUP FINAL	

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	OPPONENTS	Venue
1978		
August 19	Newcastle United	Away
23	Huddersfield Town	Away
26	Nottingham Forest	Away
September 2	Bolton Wanderers	Home
9	Derby County	Away
16	Blackpool	Home
23	Liverpool	Away
30	Blackburn Rovers	Home
October 7	Leeds United	Away
14	Sheffield Wednesday	Home
21	Coventry City	Away
28	Manchester City	Home
November 4	Bury	Away
11	Newcastle United	Home
18	Nottingham Forest	Home
21	Bolton Wanderers	Away
25	Burnley	Away
December 2	Manchester United	Home
9	Stoke City	Away
16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home
23	Everton	Away
26	Aston Villa	Home
30	Sheffield United	Home
1979		
January 1	Preston North End	Away
13	Derby County	Home
20	Blackpool	Away
27	Huddersfield Town	Home
February 3	Liverpool	Home
10	Blackburn Rovers	Away
17	Leeds United	Away
24	Sheffield Wednesday	Away
March 3	Coventry City	Home
10	Manchester City	Away
17	Bury	Home
31	Burnley	Home
April 7	Manchester United	Away
14	Aston Villa	Away
21	Preston North End	Home
25	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away
28	Everton	Home
May 5	Stoke City	Home
8	Sheffield United	Away

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	OPPONENTS	Venue
1978		
August 19	Bristol Rovers	Away
26	Mansfield Town	Home
September 2	Nottingham Forest	Away
9	Notts County	Away
16	Port Vale	Away
23	Shrewsbury Town	Home
30	Walsall	Away
October 7	Bristol City	Home
14	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Home
21	Aston Villa	Away
28	Stoke City	Home
November 4	Stoke City	Away
11	Bristol Rovers	Home
18	Mansfield Town	Away
25	Nottingham Forest	Home
December 2	Notts County	Home
9	Port Vale	Home
16	Shrewsbury Town	Away
23	Walsall	Home
30	Bristol City	Home
January 6	Wolverhampton Wanderers	Away
13	Aston Villa	Home

SYRIAN TOUR

11th August—v North Territory Provincial XI— Won 1-0 (Brown A). *Team:* Godden, Batson, Statham, Brown (T) (sub Hughes), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick (sub Martin), Cunningham. Attendance: 10,000.

13th August—v Damascus Police— Drew 1-1 (Brown T). *Team:* Godden (sub Grew), Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson (sub Hughes), Robson (sub Johnston), Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Cunningham. Attendance: 12,500.

JOE WARK TESTIMONIAL

3rd August—v Motherwell— Won 8-1 (Cunningham (3), Brown (A) (3), Brown (T), Stevens (og)). *Team:* Godden (sub Grobbelaar), Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis (sub Johnston), Trewick (sub Hughes), Cunningham. Attendance: 7,401.

Dateline . . .

Football League Division One

Saturday 19th August 1978. Attendance: 23,738.

ALBION 2, IPSWICH TOWN 1

Scorers: **Albion:** Brown (A), Burley (og). **Ipswich:** Woods.

Teams: **Albion:** Godden, Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham. Sub: Johnston. **Ipswich:** Cooper, Burley, Tibbott, Mills, Osman, Wark, Parkin, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

Football League Division One

Tuesday 22nd August 1978. Attendance 15,481.

Q.P.R. 0, ALBION 1

Scorer: **Albion:** Howe (og).

Teams: **Albion:** Godden, Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham. Sub: Johnston. **Q.P.R.:** Parkes, Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Francis, Busby, Bowles, James. Sub: McGee.

Central League

Saturday 19th August 1978

NEWCASTLE UNITED RES 2, ALBION RES 2

Scorers: **Albion:** Summerfield, Loveridge.

Team: **Albion:** Grew, Arthur, Hodgson, Loveridge, Bennett, Anderson, Monaghan, Moses, Summerfield, Hughes, Cross. Sub: P. Evans.

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GOAL TRAIL IN
ALBION'S FIRST
MATCH

ABOUT ALBION'S CAN

On 12th May 1959, twenty-one Albion personnel assembled at The Hawthorns at the start of an illustrious and historic nine match and five week round tour of Canada and the United States of America.

Mr J. W. Gaunt was the director in charge of the party which consisted of team manager, Vic Buckingham, assistant secretary, Alan Everiss, trainer Dick Graham, and 17 players, namely Ray Potter, Stuart Williams, Bobby Cram, Graham Williams, Maurice Setters, Bobby Robson, Ray Barlow, Joe Kennedy, 'Chuck' Drury, Archie Styles, Alec Jackson, Davey Burnside, Brian Whitehouse, Ronnie Allen, Derek Hogg, Keith Smith and reserve goalkeeper, Clive Jackman. After a brief chat, the party set off for Liverpool's dockland where they boarded the *R.M.S. Sylvania* which would sail them to Montreal in Canada.

The journey—via Greenock in Scotland, the North Atlantic and Quebec—took seven days, and a spot of sight-seeing in Quebec gave the party a welcome break. There they were able to spy on the famous Heights of Abraham, where General Wolfe made a name for himself all those many years ago, and stand gazing in amazement at the tremendous hall of the 'Chateau Fontenac'.

It was in Montreal, however, where the real beginning of the tour started in earnest. There, greeting the happy band of Albion ambassadors, were representatives of the Canadian F.A. and after tasting the first major meal on Canadian soil it was off to the airport where a *Viscount* was waiting to fly the party to Toronto, a trip of about ninety minutes.

The *Royal York Hotel*, the largest in the British Commonwealth, with some 1,700 bedrooms, looked after Albion in Toronto. A reception, given by *Carling's* Brewery, went off without a hitch, as did the predictable press, radio and television interviews, and after a good night's sleep, it was off to the Varsity Stadium for a training spell—the first real one for over a week.

On Friday 22nd May, the great *Queen Elizabeth Highway* was driven along en-route to the breath-taking sight of Niagara Falls, which was seen in full spate from the balcony specially erected over the Niagara River.

These falls—such a magnificent sight—are split into two separate sections of fast, gushing water—one in the U.S.A. and one in Canada. The latter section, called the *Horseshoe Falls*, is the more impressive and the larger of the two.

In the evening of the 22nd, Albion played their first match of the tour against the 'Ontario All Stars' who were led by the former Rangers' and Scotland star, Sammy Cox. Albion came through in convincing style, winning 6-1 in front of an enthusiastic 12,000 crowd in the Varsity Stadium. Albion's team was Potter; S. Williams, G. Williams; Setters, Barlow, Robson; Hogg, Burnside, Allen, Whitehouse, Jackson. Drury and Kennedy replaced Whitehouse and Setters at half-time, and Styles made a brief appearance during the second period.

Whitehouse (2), Robson (2), Allen and Hogg hit the target, while Campo scored for the 'All Stars' who were 1-4 down at the interval.

Next morning it was off again—by air—to New York, passing over Lake Ontario, which is nearly 260 miles long—and the smallest, would you believe, of the great Canadian lakes!

Here that same lake would take in the entire space from London to Preston and from Kidderminster to Leicester—which wouldn't leave much breathing space for the rest of England!

Idlewild Airport—the gateway to the Western World—was the landing place, and after a hearty welcome from the New York officials, it was off on another sight-seeing tour, this time round the streets and alleyways of fabulous New York. Broadway, 42nd Street, Time Square (lit up in all its splendour), and the many skyscrapers which were scattered all over the city were now a reality where as before they had been just names in books and on pictures.

Tony Matthews

ALBION

ADA/USA TOUR

1959

PART ONE



THE ALBION PARTY ALL SET TO START
THE LONG TREK TO CANADA.

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CLIVE LEIGHTON

"A GOOD BUNCH" FOR ALBERT!

Nice to see Albion's young players are in such good hands.

Last week I told you the tale of Reserve team boss Brian Whitehouse who has coached himself out of a team. His successful side of two years ago has either transformed into a large slice of Albion's first team squad, or has formed part of an exodus to other clubs.

This week we can take a look at Albert McPherson's third team youngsters—and the storyline remains the same. Albert's lads brought the FA Youth Cup to The Hawthorns for the first time in 1976 before moving into the Reserves and on from there.

Since then Albert has patiently shepherded another bunch of young hopefuls into a successful team, and now watches as the inevitable happens—they leave his care and move up into the Reserves, and he has to start all over again.

Last term Albion's kids won the Midland Youth League—a league incidentally which provides some fine entertainment at Spring Road on Wednesday afternoons.

And already many of that side have had the call from upstairs. "I look likely to lose several players this year including Remi Moses, Nicky Cross, Robert Evans and Robert Page," said Albert.

And they will join an ever-increasing band such as former England Youth international strikers Derek Monaghan and Kevin Summerfield, goalkeeper Mark Grew, Eire Youth defender John Anderson, midfieldman John Loveridge, full-back David Arthur, young centre-half Martyn Bennett and become settled Central League players.

Summerfield, Monaghan and Grew have all experienced the atmosphere of the first team

squad, travelling on Albion's historic tour of China and along with Loveridge, look likely contenders to move up the ranks in the next season or so.

"I've got some new lads this year and they look a good bunch. Midfielder Steve Chambers and winger Tony Dawson joined us at the end of last season, and in the summer we had some other new arrivals," said Albert.

They include full-back Ross Walton, midfielders Andy Cowdell, Nigel Coniff and Eric Bowen, and centre-forward Neil Ross.

"I'm down on central defenders at the moment but the midfield pair of Andy Cowdell and Paul Evans have done a good job as stoppers in the pre-season friendlies," said Albert.

His new boys went down 1-0 to a strong Luton side, losing to a last minute goal from first-teamer Ingram.

There was a 1-1 draw at home to Sheffield United with Cross scoring, before the lads travelled to beat 'Blades' 3-2 with goals from Page, Cross and Danks. Then came a 1-1 draw with the pick of the Midland Youth League at The Hawthorns, Summerfield scoring the Albion goal.

Meanwhile on the Central League scene, Albion kicked off last week with a fine 2-2 draw at Newcastle, with the home side lucky to scrape a point. Albion were two up after 19 minutes but two goals in two minutes from Stuart Robinson squared the match.

Monaghan, with a neat dribble and cross, laid on a fourth minute goal for Summerfield, before having a shot brilliantly saved by Carr. Loveridge cashed in on poor defensive play to float a sweet second goal for Albion in a sound team performance.



ALBERT MCPHERSON

BOB DOWNING IN THE NEWS

Director joins the "Jet Set"



SID LUCAS

A poser for you. How many miles would you say it would be to travel to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Scotland, Zurich and Turkey?

For the answer, ask Albion's globe-trotting director, Sid Lucas. These were international ports of call in less than 12 months—and before the year is out, he still has another journey to Turkey to come.

And in between time, he has been supervising major ground improvements, and carrying out the difficult job of club Secretary while Alan Everiss was ill.

But the only time he was nervous—and he was not alone, came in Syria when the plane bringing them into Damascus airport was overloaded. "It was a frightening experience as the plane bounced on the runway and then veered to the left and right before coming to a halt," he said.

NEW FITNESS TESTS

A lot has changed for the British referees for this season. They have had a pay rise—but they also have to maintain a high degree of fitness.

I understand, referees will now get £25, a rise of about £11 from last season but they have also had to undergo rigorous training sessions and these demand . . .

- 400 metres in 75 seconds,
- A 50 metre sprint in 8.5 seconds,
- 2,000 metres in 10 minutes,
- Four shuttle sprints in 11.5 seconds.

These new demands were revealed by *The Sun* columnist Bob Wilson and he understands the price of failure is that the tests will have to be taken again.

LEAGUE CUP DRAW... CASH BONANZA FOR HARD-UP CLUBS

The League Cup draw brought a great deal of excitement in Swansea and Stockport—but a frustrating disappointment to Coventry.

At a time when many of the Third and Fourth Division clubs are living hand to mouth, they look to the League Cup in particular to bring them cash salvation and in Stockport and Swansea, they are already celebrating their good fortune. Stockport and Swansea are just two of the 14 financially hard-up clubs who have drawn First Division opposition and there is already speculation that several of them could break the gate receipts record.

Stockport have even agreed to switch their match to Old Trafford where a 50,000 gate is almost guaranteed these days.

Rotherham have been drawn to play Arsenal, Sheffield United will meet Liverpool and Swansea, where deep in the hills much has been stirring, they are preparing to meet Spurs.

New player-manager John Toshack has signed Tommy Smith on a free transfer and after so many unfriendly draws, the match against Spurs will be all ticket.

Spare a thought then for Coventry. They travel to Chester—the 10th successive time they have been drawn away. Said manager Gordon Milne: "It is no longer a case of who we play—but where."

Holders Nottingham Forest are also on the move to Oldham, another club who will need 'full houses' notices while Reading boss Maurice Evans welcomes the visit of Wolves—he used to play alongside Sammy Chung.

Big Mal to Appeal.

Plymouth manager Malcolm Allison wants to end his 10 year exile from the touchline.

He will ask the Football Association to lift the ban, imposed a decade ago, for remarks he made to a referee when he was boss at Manchester City.

Since then, he has been forced to watch the matches from the directors box but has had a hot line installed in the Plymouth dug-out to pass on fresh orders.

COLIN ADDISON

ASSISTANT MANAGER



When Albion were seeking a new manager at the turn of the year, one man who was approached for the job was Colin Addison, then boss of Newport County.

Colin did not get the post, Albion appointing Ron Atkinson instead, but it was obvious that the Albion board were very impressed with what he had to offer. So much so that when Ron asked for an assistant shortly after the start of the summer recess, Colin was invited to take the position—which he did gleefully, joining The Hawthorns' staff in June.

Born at Taunton, Somerset, 37 years ago, Colin signed for York City in May, 1957, from a local team Cliftonville. He played nearly 100 competitive games for the Bootham Crescent club (87 in the League, 27 goals), before being transferred to Nottingham Forest in January, 1961, for £12,000.

Remembered Colin: "My first two goals in Division One were scored, ironically, against Albion, here at The Hawthorns, on 4th February, 1961, when Forest won 2-1. And then eight months later I again netted twice for Forest against Albion in the 4-4 draw at The City Ground."

Colin left Forest for Arsenal in September, 1966, a fee of £45,000 exchanging hands. His Forest record was 61 goals in 159 First Division matches. Thirteen months later, with nine goals in 28 League games for the 'Gunners', he switched clubs again, this time moving north to Sheffield United.

"I had hardly settled down at Bramhall Lane when I celebrated my 100th League goal of my career—scored against Southampton," recalled Colin. In 1971 Colin was approached by Hereford United to become their player/manager.

"After some deep thought, I agreed to the move," he said. Colin's record with the 'Blades' was 104 senior games, 94 of them in the League, and 25 goals.

United, at the time, were members of the Southern League, and Colin's experience in midfield helped them immensely. "They had quite a few top class men at Edgar Street which made it all the more worthwhile my joining them. They were ambitious."

Colin told me: "Hereford had a great season in 1971-72. In the FA Cup we beat Northampton and Newcastle before losing in a replay to West Ham. We finished second in our League as well."

He continued: "It was here, at The Hawthorns, where we beat Northampton in a second replay. Although there were barely 9,000 fans in the ground that night, the atmosphere was terrific and the whole team played really well." Commenting on the other games, Colin said: "These were also memorable encounters, especially our win over Newcastle, and we were a shade unlucky to lose to the Londoners."

At the League's A.G.M. in June, 1972, Hereford were elected to the Fourth Division—and in their first League season, 1972-73, they won promotion finishing runners-up to Southport. It was a super start for Colin's men. But that season also saw the end of Colin's career as a player. He sadly broke a leg at Barnsley on 11th November, and was forced to quit after amassing 384 League appearances and 110 goals in eleven years.

Colin left Hereford in 1974, going to South Africa for a year where he managed Durban City. He returned to England in December 1975 to assist Ron Fenton at Notts County, and in January 1977 took over at struggling Newport, where he guided the Welsh club to safety from the depths of re-election fever. Newport were in fact somewhat reluctant to let Colin go, but Albion got their man, and now the new R.A. and C.A. combination is hoping to make the same sort of impact on the soccer scene, like the famous Clough-Taylor duo in recent years.

Welcome to The Hawthorns, Colin—we all wish you luck. Remember: A1 means the best . . . A3 (for Atkinson, Addison and Albion) has just got to mean the very, very best.

by Tony Matthews

WHO CARES ABOUT THE STATE OF ENGLISH FOOTBALL? PENTHOUSE CARES.

● The new English football season may be said to begin under the shadow of America. 'The more we do help them,' remarked one embittered Second Division manager, 'the more they're going to kick us in the teeth.' Add to this the one-sided and inequitable settlement on players' contracts, a time bomb indeed, the pitiful lack of leadership at national level, the seemingly eternal problem of hooliganism, the failure of the European authorities to deal with corruption, the increasing economic pressure on all but the wealthiest League clubs, and you can see that there are jagged rocks ahead. ●

from THE STATE OF PLAY by Times correspondent Brian Glanville.

If you care about the future of football you owe it to yourself and your club to read 'The State of Play' in this month's Penthouse. Ask for it at your local bookstall after today's match.

PENTHOUSE: MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE

TEAMSHEET

ALBION

Blue & White Striped Shirts, White Shorts.

- 1 Tony GODDEN
- 2 Brendan BATSON
- 3 Derek STATHAM
- 4 Tony BROWN
- 5 John WILE (Capt.)
- 6 Alistair ROBERTSON
- 7 Bryan ROBSON
- 8 Alistair BROWN
- 9 Cyrille REGIS
- 10 Laurie CUNNINGHAM
- 11 Willie JOHNSTON
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

White Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts.

- 1 Jim McDONAGH
- 2 Peter NICHOLSON
- 3 Mike WALSH
- 4 Roy GREAVES (Capt.)
- 5 Paul JONES
- 6 Sam ALLARDYCE
- 7 Willie MORGAN
- 8 Neil WHATMORE
- 9 Alan GOWLING
- 10 Frank WORTHINGTON
- 11 Ray TRAIN

OFFICIALS



DONALD J. BIDDLE, Bristol

Started refereeing in 1957 with Bristol and District League, then via Western League to full list in 1971. A married man, he is a Detective Chief Inspector and fingerprint expert with Avon and Somerset Constabulary.



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Mr K. Cooper, Pontypridd Glam.

Yellow Flag

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